

REMARKS

Claims 1–9, 11–16, 23 and 26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 25 is canceled. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance in view of at least the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner Popovici at the interview held February 11, 2009 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

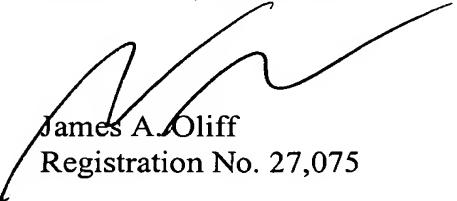
Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1–9, 11–16, 23 and 26 are allowed.

The Office Action rejects claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,636,333 (Davidson). This rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 25. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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